

O/PPB Program Questions for the Office of Communications  
(Except SIGINT and R&D)

1. In October 1969 a 30 percent message traffic decrease from overseas was directed by the [redacted] What has been the immediate effect on message traffic [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] What is your estimate of the trend during the program period?

25X1 2. An improved [redacted] system has been recommended. Assuming the recommendation is approved, indicate how this affects your current plan. In so doing, please update the [redacted] cost estimates contained in the program submission.

3. What will be the impact on the communications network if the \$900,000 increase to cover equipment price changes is not available?

4. Please provide a briefing or document which updates us on staff satellite plans for the program period, including (a) lead time required between actual obligation of funds and operational acceptance of equipment and installations, (b) geographic location of ground stations, and [redacted]

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5. With the advent of Staff Satellite Communications, please discuss your plans for training O/C personnel to handle satellite communications. How does this training impact on O/C personnel, operations, and resources required?

6. Will there be a reduction in the HF system during the planning period as the Staff Communications Satellite comes into being? If so, please specify geographic areas affected and anticipated resource savings (personnel and funds).

7. What is the current status of BEST and what alternatives are there if BEST testing is unsuccessful? If the BEST system proves operationally feasible does it impact on replacement of MAX I?

8. What is the anticipated impact on communications facilities in

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